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COAL
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MINE CLOSURE PLAN
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to prepare Mine (coal) closure plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Company-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the CIL to implement such plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) Preparation of mine closure plans by the mine operators is mandatory under Mineral Concession Rules, 1960. Project reports and Environment Management Plans (EMPs) are being prepared with a chapter on mine closure plan in each report.

(b) Company-wise EMPs of CIL prepared with mine closure plan are as below :

SN	Name of the Company	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1	Eastern Coalfields Limited	1	1	-
2	Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	-	2	-
3	Central Coalfields Limited	3	2	-
4	Western Coalfields Limited	18	10	-
5	South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	25	10	-
6	Northern Coalfields Limited	5	-	-
7	Mahanadi Coalfields Limited	12	8	2
	Total	64	33	2

For all captive coal block operators, the respective mine plan have been approved covering mine closure plan.

(c) Mine closure plan mainly aims at land reclamation, restoration of the mined out areas and making the mined out area safe against inadvertent entry. As the mine progresses CIL is continuously monitoring and taking all the necessary measures to implement the mine closure plans.